

OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



An ARRL Special Service Club

December 1989

Next Meeting December 13, 1989

Words from the President

By Ray Deeth, K7VDQ

One year ago my arm was twisted to run for president and here we go again for another year. This past year has gone by fast with many rewarding experiences for me and I hope the club members share the same feelings. Many ideas were implemented like the scholarships for the new novices in class with the full scholarship program being studied for a future award to an amateur who plans are to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Therefore, I would like to tip my hat to all you OTVARC members for helping me make my first year an enjoyable term. With this much enthusiasm, I'm sure 1990 will be just as enjoyable.

Most of you may have read the 10 meter newsletter that reported a news flash, "FCC NABS NY TAXI CABS." However, for those who may not of heard, some concerned HAMS assisted the FCC in the shut-down of 15 illegal stations using 10 meter transceivers for commercial applications. We all realize how Uniden's and Radio Shack's 10 meter transceivers are an excellent inexpensive mobile unit to perform such illegal activities. I do hope this successful shut-down by FCC is a strong enough message to those throughout the U.S. who may be thinking of using these units illegally. This NY case show it does pay to get involved at times.

The 10 meter newsletter also reported a fellow HAM, ASTRONAUT RON PARISE, WA4SIR, will be carrying an SAREX-2 on the Columbia Astro-1 mission due to lift off on April 26, 1990. SAREX "Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment" will be a HT unit using a Robot SSTV converter on this next mission.

I could relate more articles, but most of you know a fellow ham that should have the 10 meter newsletter and would be happy to share it with you.

See you at the December HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CLUB meeting. Only one item of business will be conducted (Elections) and that will be to introduce the 1990 club officers. Make sure your ballot is mailed or hand carried to the December meeting.

There should be a few FESTIVAL tickets available for those procrastinators and still would like to enjoy the evening of fun, food, entertainment and conversation. Call Pat, KA7UFG, 649-0837 and she will be happy to handle your ticket needs.

DX For Beginners And Others

By Greg Milnes, W7AGQ

I've been thinking lately about what DX does to a perfectly normal, rational person. Some people drive the highways and byways and see flag poles, tall trees and even giant electric transmission towers. Then there are those like me who miss the flag poles of this world and see them only as possible antenna mounts or 40 meter vertical.

I don't worry too much about the spotted owl as it relates to old growth timber. I think more about how I could get one of those tall trees situated about 250 feet from another for an 80 meter double zepp or a 160 meter dipole. As to a transmission tower, I'd give my left ear for one of those to support a gaggle of multi element beams.

The other night I was reading a travel magazine extolling the virtues of the beaches of the Maldive Islands. Did I

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think how wonderful a vacation spot that would make? No. My mind immediately turned to thoughts of a possible DXpedition to that Indian Ocean paradise, and how VU4/W7AGQ sound on 20. Jolted back to reality by the doorbell, I wondered why I was so preoccupied with DX.

A popular husband - wife psychiatrist team once released the results of a study that indicated the average male thought of sex once every ten minutes. I'll not reveal here what goes on in my head with regard to that, but I can say I think of DX with similar frequency (pun intended).

I think it may have something to do with a love for geography. Far away places have always held a spell over many people. I love maps. I have hundreds of them. I read them like many people read a novel. I read travel magazines and the travel section of the Sunday paper is a favorite of mine.

Ham radio can be a kind of substitute for me. I can go from the beaches of the Baleric Islands (EA 6) to the frozen North of the Northwest Territories (VE 8). Within minutes of each other I have talked to a lonely sailor on Bahrain Island (127 degrees in the shade) and a lonely technician at a Soviet weather station on the Arctic ice shelf. I travel with the speed of a radio wave.

I don't have to endure jet lag, terrorist bombings, hurricanes or tropical bugs to do my traveling. It is also much cheaper and faster to travel by DX. I find it easier on my vacation time as well (I do take an occasional day for a contest or a special DXpedition).

There is also an element of challenge. I love a good

contest, a fat pileup or just the chase for a rare one. Have you ever noticed how even honor roll DXer rises to the bait when there is a pileup...even for a country or station they've worked a hundred times. For a DXer, it's hard to pass up the challenge.

I suppose too there is the ego thing of getting through first. It is nice to be able to brag to your buddies or just mention to your non-ham friends that you talked to a king in the Middle East last night. There is also the pride of being good at something or of improving. A DXer can measure progress in many ways. Much that we do in life is not nearly as easily measured or rewarded as getting a new batch of QSLs from the Bureau.

Do any of these things sound like you? I find some of all of them in me. Maybe that's why I like DX. How about you?

73 (and 88 where appropriate)

Greg

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OTVARC Travelers Update

By Dave, N7DWL

LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Al, WB7SIC, and Mary his XYL, Roger KA7RNN and Marvel, KA7TZZ and Gino, KA7KBH were at Moo meadows. Dale, KA7TZZ, and Betty his XYL and Bud, KC7PS and Sally his XYL drove up for the day. On Sunday, Bob, WF7Q, and Jo, KA7MIE, with grandkids Matthew and Greg, and Warren, N7BIJ, and kids Morgan and Megan drove in.

Bobbi, KB7KME, and Jerry, N7KUQ, and Dave N7DWL and Marian his XYL spent the weekend at Hoodsport on Hoods Canal. Beautiful location and beautiful weather.

The weekend of September 17, 18 and 19 was our regular monthly campout which was held at Cascade Locks. We had 18 units and 43 people. Many of the group enjoyed the Sternwheeler tour. As usual, we had a marvelous Saturday evening potluck.

On October 13, 14, and 15 the Travelers spent the weekend at Mt. Hood RV Village on highway #26 near Welches. We had 10 rigs and 29 bodies, not counting dogs and cats. The weather was so-so but not so bad we didn't have a good time. On Saturday KA7TZZ and KA7RNN joined us for the day and stayed for the usual potluck dinner. The accommodations were great!

The November campout on the 17th and 18th was our annual trip to Holiday RV Park at Depoe Bay. Again, it was our big event of the year. We had 21 rigs and 57 bodies. Several of them stayed at the motel next door. We had a fantastic dinner with turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, etc. Those of you who couldn't make it missed a great time.

Usually we do not have a campout in December, but no final decision has been made. Do any of you Travelers have suggestions?

The site for the January, 1990 is scheduled for Cham-poeg State Park, weather permitting.

Upcoming Events

December 13 December Club Meeting
Beaverton Elks Lodge
(Tickets Required)

(Please notify the editor of upcoming activities or events so all club members can be informed.)

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